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(C) PolOff presented reftel points to Icelandic Ministry for Foreign Affairs Defense Counsellor Audunn Atlason on 11 September. Atlason said Iceland would support moving the discussion on expanding ISAF's OPLAN to cover counternarcotics actions from the NATO Military Committee to the North Atlantic Council. However, Atlason cautioned that Iceland would be unlikely to take a firm stance on the policy specifics, as Iceland does not have any military forces. The MFA would prefer to leave the operational discussion to those with forces in theater, he noted.

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